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# The edítor's note...

Dear Readers, the year is certainly moving along quickly and I personally am enjoying the cooler weather and hope you are also. We have a couple of delicious recipes in the magazine this edition to warm you up, especially my simple yet tasty, Indian Keema curry sausage rolls, something a little different...for all curry lovers.

We have some men and women's fashion ideas and some great health tips and facts about nutrition, and understanding the science of food for you. We try to include topics that will relate to your whole family and that will be very beneficial to everyone's health and wellbeing. We all approach a certain age where it is time to radically overhaul our lifestyle and prioritise our fitness levels, and alleviate the stresses in our lives to live a calm and peaceful existence. This is good not only for our bodies, it is important for our souls.

Watching those around us who live life well can inspire us to be the best we can be, to make our lives easier and to help us feel happy and fulfilled. You may have a role model who inspires you or you may be a role model for someone in your life.

One of the secrets of longevity is movement. Don't be a couch potato this winter, it is time to do some things around your home, which will improve the value of your property and most importantly to make your personal space a place you look forward to being.

We have featured some of our popular local venues for you, for those days or nights when you feel like going out to be served with a delicious meal or to catch some live local entertainment.

Take good care and be sure to keep warm...Enjoy our beautiful Central Coast.

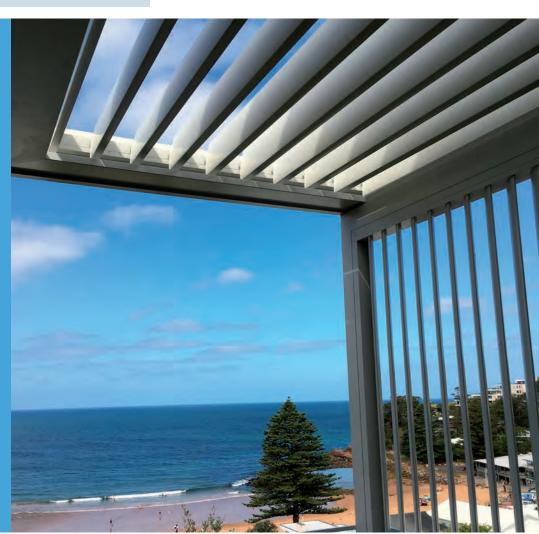
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### **Range Hood Benefits**

When considering the many appliances you have in your home, a range hood is among the less obvious and least appreciated. In addition to providing valuable filtering support for your stove or cooktop, range hoods are designed to expel gases and odours from inside your home. Without a doubt, they are easily one of the most important appliances you can have in your home.

There's no denying that kitchen range hoods provide many important benefits that protect your health and provide a comfortable, clean environment for cooking and living in your home. From the obvious benefits of protection from toxins and unpleasant odours to the notso-obvious benefits of a cleaner home and cooking creativity, a vent hood is an important asset to your home and your health.

Consider these invaluable benefits of a range hood, fully research each one and consult with your contractor before you buy. Each brand will have a slightly different warranty and installation requirements, but if you choose the right one, you'll be cooking in style for many years to come.

In today's real estate market, range hoods are expected to be found in every kitchen. If you don't have one, it could actually hurt the resale value of your home. People have come to expect this luxury, and if you don't have one, it may deter people from buying your home.



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# Packed with nutrients, legumes are nature's almost-perfect food.

entils, a small but nutritionally mighty member of the legume family, are a very good source of cholesterol-lowering fibre. Not only do lentils help lower cholesterol, they are of special benefit in managing bloodsugar disorders since their high fibre content prevents blood sugar levels from rising rapidly after a meal. But this is far from all lentils have to offer. Lentils also provide good to excellent amounts of seven important minerals, our B-vitamins, and protein—all with virtually no fat. The calorie cost of all



this nutrition? Just 230 calories for a whole cup of cooked lentils. This tiny nutritional giant fills you up-not out.

Lentils, like other beans, are rich in dietary fibre, both the soluble and insoluble type. Soluble fibre forms a gel-like substance in the digestive tract that snares bile (which contains cholesterol) and ferries it out of the body. Research studies have shown that insoluble fibre not only helps to increase stool bulk and prevent constipation, but also helps prevent digestive disorders like irritable bowel syndrome.

Lentils' contribution to heart health lies not just in their fibre, but in the significant amounts of folate and magnesium these little wonders supply... Want to literally keep your heart happy? Eat lentils.. If you have insulin resistance, hypoglycemia or diabetes, legumes like lentils can really help you balance blood sugar levels while providing steady, slow-burning energy.

In addition to providing slow burning complex carbohydrates, lentils can increase your energy by replenishing your iron stores. Particularly for menstruating women, who are more at risk for iron deficiency, boosting iron stores with lentils is a good idea—especially because, unlike red meat, another source of iron, lentils are not rich in fat and calories. Iron is an integral component of hemoglobin, which transports oxygen from the lungs to all body cells, and is also part of key enzyme systems for energy production and metabolism. And remember: If you're pregnant or lactating, your needs for iron increase. Growing children and adolescents also have increased needs for iron. Lentils are an excellent source of molybdenum and folate. They are a very good source of dietary fibre, copper, phosphorus and manganese. Additionally they are a good source of iron, protein, vitamin B1, pantothenic acid, zinc, potassium and vitamin B6. Try our tasty Lentil recipe. Delicious Winter Warmer Hot Red Lentil Soup

Serves 4. Ingredients: 3 tblsp olive oil 4 cups chicken or vegetable stock 1 onion, chopped 2 bay leaves 2 celery sticks, chopped 1 lemon, halved 2 carrots, sliced 1/2 tsp ground cumin 8 garlic cloves, crushed cayenne pepper to taste 1 potato, peeled and diced salt and ground pepper 1 cup red lentils 1 cup fresh flat leaf parsley

- 1. Heat oil in a large pan. Add the onion and cook for 5 mins or until softenend. Stir in celery, carrots, garlic, potato. Cook for a few minutes until begins to soften.
- 2. Add the lentils and stock to the pan and bring to the boil, stir.. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 30 mins, or until potato and lentils tender.
- 3. Add the bay leaves, and half the lemon to the pan and cook for further 10 mins. Remove the bay leaves. Squeeze in the remaining lemon and add the parsley then stir into the soup.
- 4. Stir in the cumin, cayenne pepper and season with salt and pepper.

Serve or If you prefer you can blend the soup until smooth.

Having decided on a timber look for your new floor, you are now faced with a seemingly endless range of options! Here's what to think

**about...** by Guy Thornycroft



#### 1. Traditional vs Modern

Over recent years we have seen the white wash/ lime wash / beach cottage effect come into its own. This trend will continue for a while yet. Traditional country-kitchen looking floors will do the same and there are a wonderful range of "Reclaimed Timber" options in Laminate, Bamboo and engineered Timber. Modern finishes include all the high gloss options with less variation in the colour or texture of each plank. Gloss vs Matt

While a high gloss finish gives a classy, formal impression, a matt surface might be more suitable for busy families with pets, simply because it shows less dust and scuffs etc. Are you an active family with open doors and people in and out, or is a more formal look what you are after?

#### 2. Degree of feature, knot and grain

On a small sample, a plank with many knots, strong crown grain and features can look busy, but when it is laid in a larger area the eye does not see the individual marks but the impression and overall colour of the floor. No one on entering a room focuses on a single plank. On the other hand if you want the floor to be more of a blank canvas to display your furniture on, bamboo has very little feature and will give you that effect.

#### 3. Light vs Dark

Light colours in small areas may give an impression of space, while darker floors will accentuate softer coloured walls or furniture. The darker colours will create a more dignified and stately effect while the lighter colours will brighten a room.

Be mindful of the style and colours of the furniture that will be in the rooms!

Be sure to borrow samples to look at in your home as the lighting will be very different to that in the shop.

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#### BY GEOFF GARLINGE

Q: I am overweight by around 15 kilos and shocked to have just been diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes at only 36. My wife has tried to get me to see a doctor for the past few years and I know I really should have way back. It's hit me really hard and I'm definitely ready to face reality now. I'm also relieved to finally find out why I continually urinate, suffer with severe cramps that sometimes even wake me up, and am constantly super thirsty and hungry all the time. Not long after lunch each day I get fatigued and lately even my eyesight has deteriorated. This is probably my major concern that has actually motivated me to finally seek help. Until now I've never taken any medication. It broke my heart to see prescription drugs slowly wreck my parents' lives when they both started out so healthy and strong. Now I know what's actually wrong with me, I really don't want to go down that road. Please advise the best natural way to go and I will do whatever is necessary.

A: Though it's always sad to hear of yet another person so relatively young like yourself suffering unnecessarily, it's nevertheless great to hear you are taking your condition seriously now and willing to make required lifestyle changes. Too many people and especially Aussie men simply wait too long to seek a diagnosis of the disease and then act upon it, with devastating effects that in some cases tragically cost them their lives. Better health education could have saved you and a multitude of others from ever getting into this predicament and you will be wise to prioritize the pursuit of such knowledge in the future. Whilst specific supplementation is indeed necessary to get the results you need in order to turn your life around, embracing a functional & sustainable lifestyle is the only answer. The good news is that Type 2 is naturally reversible over a relatively short period of time pending strict compliance. Some years ago I wrote an article titled "Type 2 Diabetes - The Modern day Epidemic" which was published in National Diabetes Week and is still freely available to the general public from my office. I recommend you to obtain a copy without delay, as it will provide crucial elaboration to empower you to follow through on your decision to as you state "face reality", along with specific advice concerning how to break free of the condition. One thing I will say here is that having travelled extensively as part

of my research, and in the process spending time among both the richest & poorest cultures, sugar is the No.1 cause of not only the Diabetes disaster - but also inflammation leading to a range of diseases and debilitating conditions that are robbing young & old alike of the chance to live vibrant healthy lives. Therefore, you need to be totally ruthless in immediately removing and throwing out all negative and counterproductive substances from your pantry & refrigerator. As a starting point, you must ABSTAIN from all processed food, cakes, sweets and alcohol. You'll need a nutrient rich diet, correct supplementation, daily walks/swimming and adequate sleep (and don't worry, we have the natural solution to help with this too). You can take heart in the understanding that, while generally in our society Type 2 Diabetes actually does devastate many lives - this however doesn't mean the totally reversible condition needs to be a life sentence. With better lifestyle choices coming your way, the present dilemma will gradually become a distant memory for you. Hopefully you will then use your experience to assist others to learn by your mistakes rather than their own...as you power on into middle age & beyond.

Q: I'm always getting unsightly cold sores and occasionally painful mouth ulcers that seem to take ages to heal too. What causes them and what's the best way to stop them happening? My energy levels are low and I can't remember the last time I felt really well, so could do with some tips on basically getting revved up naturally too.

A: Both mouth ulcers and cold sores are strong indicators that all is not well within the body.

If these signals are not addressed, they can and do often lead to far more serious conditions such as Chronic Fatigue. Often brought on by over exercising/work related overload, both these nasty and painful eruptions arise from the body's inability to cope with stress and attack. Whilst it's true that Lysine will cause cold sores to subside, this doesn't alter the fact that they are brought on by the Herpes Simplex 2 virus. This is also why the antiviral properties of Propolis act rapidly when used topically in tincture form to cause the blisters to disappear (same goes for mouth ulcers). As amazingly impressive and also relieving as

this is, it still doesn't address the root cause. Their constant presence may actually emanate from other underlying health problems including being deficient in iron (anaemic), allergic to fluoride/Gluten (in wheat, barley, rye & oats) or suffering with IBS (Inflammatory Bowel Disease). Nevertheless, such chronic manifestations together are a sure sign that your immune system is in need of stimulation. Indeed, everyone should always be thinking this way, as prevention is of course always better than cure. Vitality returns as a direct result of boosting immune function, which is a great bonus for you to look forward to as you implement the correct natural strategy to stop the painful and frustrating cycle you've been stuck in for so long. Again, Propolis is one of the major components to be taken internally on an ongoing daily basis. However, as with most natural remedies there are always the genuine article and the counterfeit, and Propolis is a classic example. Higher dosages such as 2000mg capsules mean very little if they don't contain a quality standardized extract. Having worked together my colleague George Kowalski since the 1980s when we began educating & supplying Propolis in Australia and abroad, I do well understand the power of real Propolis. Used in conjunction with the correct form of Vitamin C, the results are so profound that we employ this synergistic combination in many Cancer support programs where the immune system has been decimated by chemotherapy. Even in these extreme situations, positive effects are soon evident and patients rapidly regain their long lost strength, experience pain relief and yes...chronic mouth ulcers disappear without reoccurrence. In your particular case, along with Propolis and Vitamin C you will need to take Astraforte, Co-Enzyme Q10 (Advanced Life), Olive Leaf Extract Activate Plus and Australian Alkoxyglycerols. Build up slowly to 1 level tablespoon of Organic Bee Pollen granules morning and night sublingually before breakfast and dinner. As always the road back to a vibrant healthy life is by eating well, staying hydrated, exercising moderately and getting adequate rest . Stay away well away from all processed foods. Keep it real, enjoy plenty of Organic produce (especially avocadoes), Hemp Seeds, Pure Egg Protein, clean oily fish, nuts, seeds, Tahini & Jarrah/WA Red Gum Honey. Be consistent and you will be finally free of your problems and full of energy again...and getting adequate rest . Stay away well away from all processed foods. Keep it real.

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# Heart Health Tips from Top Cardiologists

There are lots of ways to keep your ticker in tip-top shape. Some of the more obvious ones are eating a heart-healthy diet, being active, maintaining a healthy weight, managing your cholesterol and blood pressure, and quitting smoking. But there are some less obvious – and even fun – things you can do to ward off heart disease.

**CHOOSE (DARK) CHOCOLATE** - Dark chocolate has flavonoids in it. Flavonoids are powerful antioxidants that protect us from toxins that are created in our bodies. Dark chocolate helps dilate your blood vessels, can lower your blood pressure, makes your blood less sticky so you don't clot as much and can lower the bad cholesterol. But the science has shown that it's really hard dark chocolate. You don't want to pour melted dark chocolate on a marshmallow. That's defeating the purpose. A small amount of those little dark chocolate squares that's what's good for you.

**WALKING-** You can get significant heart benefits by walking for as little as 30 minutes a day. And a study shows that by doing a total of two-and-a-half hours of moderateintensity activity (such as brisk walking) every week, you can lower the risk of heart disease by 14%.

GET IT ON -Having sex increases the immune system, decreases inflammation and

helps us in maintaining healthy and loving relationships. If you've had heart disease or you're trying to prevent heart disease, I will tell you that having regular sex with a loving partner is part of the deal.

SQUASH STRESS - Stress is really bad for your heart. It has direct toxic effects on our hearts because when we get stressed we release stress hormones, adrenaline and cortisol. Those cause our heart rate to go up, our blood pressure to go up, our body becomes inflamed, inflammation goes up and our blood becomes thick and sticky. All of those things together cause a perfect storm for a heart attack. Stress also causes indirect problems. When we're stressed we tend to exercise less, we tend to grab for comfort foods and overeat and we also try to self-medicate by drinking and smoking. So the direct and indirect effects are what really take a toll on our heart.

FOCUS ON FLAXSEED - Flaxseed has been shown in clinical trials to affect low-density

lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol and lipoprotein (a), both of which increase the risk for atherosclerotic diseases (i.e. coronary heart disease, stroke). It is also beneficial in reducing blood pressure and inflammation and does not adversely affect HDL (good cholesterol).

**KNOW WHEN TO WORRY** - More men are going to present with classic chest pain symptoms. The problem for women is they don't always present with classic symptoms. What I found in women over 70 years old, their first feature is actually fatigue, then they start having shortness of breath. And then, usually women will start having some chest discomfort, but it may not be the classic pressure. There might be some neck pain, might be arm discomfort, it may be more sharp pain. What you then ask for is the history of fatigue and shortness of breath. If that's there, you know you have a female with a high likelihood of having coronary disease.

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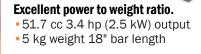


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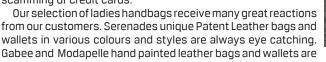
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Scrumptious Indian Keema Sausage Rolls For Curry Lovers...

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#### Method: Pre-heat Oven 220 degrees

1. Heat oil, add beef, season and brown then set aside.

- 2. Heat oil, cook onion, garlic and ginger to soften. 3. Add potato, carrots, peas and curry powder and
- cook for a few minutes.
- 4. Add tomato paste and 400 ml of stock.
- 5. Return minced beef into pot. Stir mixture well.
- 5. Simmer 30 mins covered or until vegetables are soft, add cornflour mixture to thicken and allow to cool.
- 6. Cut pastry sheets in half and spoon some of the mixture on one side of each half in a long strip.
- Moisten the edges of pastry with egg and fold over then glaze the top of pastry with egg, sprinkle with sesame seeds.

8.Crimp edges with fork and put fork holes in top. *Bake 30 mins or until golden brown and cut into small rolls.* 

#### **Capsule Collection**

Distinctive Melbourne based fashion label búl, has collaborated with Kate Ballis to create a sizepiece collection featuring prints from the photographic artist's print collections.

búl designer, Virginia Martin's interest in the otherworldly beauty of Kate's travelinspired photography first led to a creative partnership over the past five búl seasonal campaigns.

Kate's love of aesthetics, light and complexity see a powerful beauty in darkness and the textures created by light dancing on shadows.



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Jason Vila completed his apprenticeship with Rod Murray Furniture and went on to become their head cabinet maker. His time there helped shape him in to the true craftsman he is today and he has nearly a decade of experience. He takes pride in what he does and his attention to detail is evident in every piece he creates. Late last year, for personal reasons, Rod Murray Furniture decided to close their doors and offered the opportunity to Jason to continue his passion for handcrafting timber furniture under his own company. The opportunity to continue on the legacy of Rod Murray Furniture was an honour he didn't take lightly and the business was transitioned over to him and his young family early this year.

Now trading as Vila Timber Designs, they have relocated to 37 Ace Crescent Tuggerah where they recently held a Grand Opening. The showroom is filled with a fine selection of furniture, including rare slab furniture, all designed and handcrafted by Jason and his team. Vila Timber Designs specialise in custom made timber furniture. They work with their customers to create incredibly beautiful pieces that work perfectly in the space they are designed for. Style, functionality and staying true to the natural beauty of the timber are all key features in designing a piece of furniture. Vila Timber Designs is ready to create the talking piece of your home so if you have something in mind, give them a call today and let them get started on bringing your visions to life.



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# **Benefits of Pressure Washing**

Whether you're selling your home or just wanting to improve its exterior appearance, home pressure washing is a must. Pressure washing is considered to be the most affordable way to increase your home's value and curb appeal is important, especially if you are thinking about selling your home. Pressure washing your home removes stains and mildew that can make a home look unattractive, stalling a prospective home buyer from putting in an offer.

Regularly scheduled pressure washings are great ways to save money on costly exterior home repairs. Keeping your home clean hinders rot, decay and premature aging of the home – extending the life of your siding, driveway, porch and deck. Your home is also the home to a variety of different contaminants, such as dirt, mould, mildew and algae – some of which can be life-threatening. Pressure washing not only your home but your driveway, walkway, porch and patio can help prevent these bacteria from growing and prevent injuries caused by slipping and falling



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The Pirch

Walnut Timber Side Table, a furniture piece which brings beloved items within reach and allows one to form their own bathing landscape or sanctuary. Purposely designed to be understated, the simplicity of the piece allows the true character of the timber and the honest craftsmanship to do the talking.Handcrafted from American Black Walnut by a local fine furniture craftsman, the cantilever table, with top larger than its base, suits all freestanding baths and is enhanced with a matte seal finish which prevents moisture damage. The side table is further complimented with a Solid Surface tabletop which provides a durable stain resistant platform.



A unique character that will make a modest statement to any bathroom, a contemporary interpretation of the traditional claw-foot bath. Inspired by a traditional chaise lounge the Méridienne, a 19th century French name given to an asymmetrical daybed with higher headrest and lower footrest.

Designed to be an elegant and sophisticated furniture piece, the clean lines and fine edges provide a sense of lightness, while the lounge-like wrap around head support promotes comfort and relaxation. The piece is manufactured in Lucite acrylic, presenting a seamless contour which tapers into the narrow stainless steellegs. Lucite is extremely durable, with a non-porous surface for easy cleaning and will not change colour over time.

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# **ORTHODONTICS:** What is 'interceptive treatment'?

Our friends at The Ortho Practice Kincumber talk to us about 'interceptive treatment' and when is right time for your child to first visit the orthodontist.

You may be wondering if your child needs any orthodontic treatment and what is the best age to assess this. A common misconception is that it is necessary to wait for all adult teeth to be present, before an assessment can be provided by your orthodontist. This is not the case. Your orthodontist is able to observe how the dentition is changing from as early as seven years of age.

Monitoring these changes before or during a growth period is vital. Using preventive or interceptive treatments - more commonly known as an appliance, plate or headgear can ensure teeth will emerge in a more ideal position. This can minimise the complexity of correcting teeth once crowding or bite issues have presented in early teenage years, therefore helping to reduce treatment

#### Foods to lower your cholesterol

When you think of cholesterol, you probably think of bad or high cholesterol. There's also a good type of cholesterol, though, that your body needs.

High-density lipoprotein (HDL) is the good kind of cholesterol and the kind you want. Low-density lipoprotein (LDL) is the bad kind of cholesterol and the kind you want to keep in check.

HDL is like a vacuum cleaner for cholesterol in the body. When it's at healthy levels in your blood, it removes extra cholesterol and plaque build up in your arteries and then sends it to your liver. Your liver expels it from your body.

Just as some foods can raise your bad cholesterol, certain foods can raise your good cholesterol:

**1. Olive oil-** The type of heart-healthy fat found in olives and olive oil can increase your HDL and lower the inflammatory impact of LDL cholesterol on your body. Swap extra-virgin olive oil for all your other oils and fats when cooking at low temperatures, as extra virgin olive oil breaks down at high temperatures.

**2. Beans and legumes-** Like whole grains, beans and legumes are a great source of soluble fibre. Reach for black beans, black-eyed peas, kidney beans, navy beans, lentils, and others. Canned beans contain about half as much folate as cooked dry beans. Folate is an important B-vitamin that's healthy for your heart.

**3. Whole grains-** including bran, cereals, and brown or wild rice may give your HDL levels a boost. That's because they contain soluble fibre.

**4. High-fiber fruit-** prunes, apples, and pears, can boost your HDL levels and lower your LDL levels.

5. Fatty fish- Omega-3 fatty acids, which are found in fish, can lower your LDL and increase your HDL. Look for fattier options,



time down the track should your child require braces. Please visit their website for more useful information on interceptive treatment at theorthopractice.com.au.

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such as salmon, mackerel, tuna, sardines, and rainbow trout. If you don't like fish or can't eat enough fish to fulfill your omega-3 goals, ask your doctor about fish oil or krill oil supplements.

**6.** *Flax*- Ground flaxseeds and flaxseed oil also contain omega-3 fatty acids. Many vegetarians use flaxseed as a source of omega-3 fatty acids because they're one of the better plant-based sources of this hearthealthy fat.Make sure to buy ground flaxseed. Whole flaxseeds are almost impossible for your body to break down, which means they pass through your body largely intact and never leave behind any of their nutrients

**7. Nuts-** Brazil nuts, almonds, pistachios, peanuts, and others, are filled with hearthealthy fats. They're also high in fibre and plant sterols. Plant sterols block the absorption of cholesterol in your body

8. Chia seeds- a good source of plant-based omega-3 fatty acids, fibre, and other healthy nutrients. Adding chia seeds to your diet may help increase HDL levels, lower LDL levels, and decrease blood pressure. Like flaxseeds, chia seeds are great when added to cereal, oatmeal, dips, salads, yogurt, or smoothies. 9. Avocados- are high in folate, a healthy monounsaturated fat. This type of fat boosts HDL, lowers LDL, and reduces your risk for

stroke, heart attack, and heart disease. **10. Soy-** Incorporating this food into your diet is a great way to reduce your meat consumption. When people eat less meat, their LDL levels may decrease and their HDL

levels may increase. **11. Red wine-** Drinking moderate amounts of alcohol, including red wine, has been shown to raise HDL levels. It's also been shown to lower your risk of heart disease. A moderate amount of alcohol is defined as just one glass per day for women and two glasses per day for men. Red wine shouldn't be consumed if you also have high triglycerides





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# Smart Phone technology is now available for your blinds

Smart technology is now available for your air conditioner, your television, your lighting, your security and **now your blinds.** 

Most of us don't go anywhere without our phone, and the buzz word for those renovating or building a new home is "home automation". It' about creating a life where we can control and automate our regular everyday devices from the touch of our phone.

Home automation is the way of the future, and one of the regular everyday tasks is pulling your blinds up and down. Many internal and external blinds are there to create privacy as well as protect your home and furniture from the heat and cold.

Remote control blinds have been around for a while, but now the technology has extended through to an app on your smart phone or iPad where you can control the blinds from anywhere in your home, or the world.

We have found our customers say the most useful way to use this technology is putting multiple blinds up and down at the same time. It is also great for pre-programming your blinds to be up for the morning sunrise, or down for the hot afternoon sun. A great security feature is to be able to operate your blinds remotely when you are on holidays and know that all blinds are down and your home is secure.

How does it work? A WIFI Hub is purchased that is then plugged into your power socket, next to your WIFI connection. You then download a free app from the app store that relates to the type of motors you have in your blinds. In Australia, the most common devices are the SOMFY MYLINK WIFI HUB and the ACMEDA PULSE WIFI HUB.

Is it easy to set up? If you are tech savvy, you could follow the prompts on the app and set it up yourself once you have purchased the WIFI HUB. If not any reputable licensed blind motorization company could do it for you for a small fee. No electrician is required.

Where can I get the WIFI HUB? On the Central Coast, the WIFI HUBS are available at Premier Shades, 18/482 Pacific Highway, Wyoming. They also have them on display and operational if you need to see how they work.

What if I don't have WIFI? This technology only operates with WIFI. If your WIFI is out, then you will not be able to control your blinds with the app, however you can still use your remote control as long as you have electricity connected. If you have the rechargeable battery operated blinds, they will operate without electricity as long as they are fully charged.

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Premier Shades to get the WIFI HUB. I would like this technology, but just have

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**Do the WIFI HUBS work with other brands?** No, they are specific to the brand of motor in your blind.

How much is it? The Somfy MYLINK WIFI HUB is \$440 RRP. The Acmeda PULSE WIFI HUB is \$400 RRP. Excluding any programming or set up fee. If you are tech savvy you may be able to set this up yourself.



# Important information for insurance for trades people, owner builders renovators and you!

#### Income Protection

Also referred to as Accident & Sickness insurance – protects the employed and self employed against loss of income due to an accident or sickness – an essential policy to protect the lifestyle of all income earners and tax deductible.

Trauma Insurance Providing a lump sum on diagnosis of a major trauma such as cancer, heart problems etc – helping people afford the best treatment, pay medical bills, settle debts etc.

### Trades Insurance

Protecting the trades person against liability claims, loss of tools and equipment, commercial motor claims etc.



Also known as Construction Insurance – protects a project and you against fire, storm, malicious damage, liability etc.

#### Home Warranty Insurance

Is a policy that has to be taken out by NSW law – 1. By a builder or trades person before taking any money (including a deposit) from a home owner (including an owner – builder) under a residential building contract and before commencing any work under that contract. 2. By an owner builder (i.e. a home owner who did owner/builder work under an owner/builder permit) before entering into a contract for sale of the property on which residential building work was done within the previous 6 years. In both cases for work where the contract price or the reasonable market cost of the labour and materials involved exceeds \$20,000.

### All of these insurances are available from Coast and Country

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## Scandinavian Style cabins and studios built in 2-5 days

#### *New Display Village -a convenient one-stop-shop*

Custom Creations, a long established local building company well-known for their **outstanding customer service and quality workmanship** (over 400 reviews of their Facebook page speak for themselves!). Custom Creations have recently opened their new display village of Scandinavian style sustainable cabins, studios, granny flats and cottages on the Central Coast at Kincumber. All the buildings are fully fitted out and furnished.

#### Looking for more space or income generating asset?

If you are looking to add value to your home and improve your lifestyle or want to build an income generating asset in your backyard, please take the time to visit the Display Village The display includes most popular models: Cyprus (1 bedroom, 1 bathroom) granny flat, Sicilia 20m<sup>2</sup>studio with ensuite, Crete 12m<sup>2</sup> and Majorca 9m<sup>2</sup> backyard cabins. The Cabins have a range of applications including **stay-athome or returning children's home, Parents retreat, Teenage Retreats, Hobby Rooms, Man Cave, She Shed, Backyard Home Office, B&B, Backyard Guest House, Cabanas and a Pool House or just an additional Room for the Kids.** 

Custom Creations have been operating since 2004 and began installing the European made eco studios and cabins in Sydney, Central Coast and the Hunter Region since 2014.The Cabins and Kit Homes are a combination of two worlds – High Quality European structures supplied and installed by Custom Creations.

Please visit their Display Village, at 36 Empire Bay Drive, Kincumber. The Cabins are available to view 7 days a week by appointment and open Wednesdays and Saturdays 9:30am-2:00pm and Sunday 10.00am to 1.00pm.. It is a great place to get million ideas for your home.

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#### Winter Gardening Tips - Pests & Diseases

There's always something trying to spoil your plants. If it isn't insect pests, it's diseases like black spot. But late winter is a good time to get rid of plant problems and set up the garden with the best possible start for spring.

Roses, for example, can be given a clean-up Lime Sulphur spray immediately after pruning. But if your rose has already started to shoot, it's probably too late to use Lime Sulphur (which could burn the young leaves). Instead you should begin applying a good fungicide/insecticide/miticide such as Rose Spray.

Regular monitoring is the best way to prevent pests from spoiling your plants. Walk through the garden as often as you can and try to remove problems in their early stages. Insect pests can be easily picked off or squashed by hand while their numbers are still controllable.

Most pest insects fall into two groups – either sap suckers or leaf eaters. Sap suckers are usually small – often minute – but they can be present in huge numbers. Aphids are good examples. Aphids (pictured) suck sugary sap directly out of the youngest leaves. This weakens the plant and also causes twisting and curling of the new growth. In their early stages it's easy to remove sap suckers like aphids but, once numbers build up, you'll probably need to spray with an insecticide.

We stock a wide selection of controls to choose from. They include plantextract pyrethrum or systemic Confidor. Confidor is most effective when used as a preventative to protect new season's foliage on pest-susceptible plants like azaleas.

Scales are harder to control than aphids because these sap-sucking pests hide beneath protective coatings. Sometimes their sticky waste encourages growth of an ugly blackfungus called sooty mould. To get rid of the mould, you need to remove the scale. You can do this in many cases with a systemic spray (Confidor) or an oil (like White Oil). Or a Scale Gun combines a pyrethrum insecticide with white oil, which greatly increases its effectiveness. An old toothbrush, too, can be used to give scales the 'brush-off'.

Damage caused by leaf eaters is much easier to identify because these pests literally chew holes in the leaves. Caterpillars are the most common – use naturally-derived Success or Dipel – but also be on the lookout for other chewers like snails and slugs.



### Create a Winter Vegetable Patch

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health benefits that can be found in fish that are also packed with omega-3 fatty acids. Oily fish like salmon, tuna, mackerel, and sardines contain high levels of vitamin D. If you're pressed for time, fish liver oils can also be found in capsule form.

**Egg Yolks** a nutrient-rich food that contains both Vitamin D and calcium. These two nutrients work together to promote bone health, as well as strengthen eyesight. Some studies have suggested that Vitamin D may lower the risk of developing macular degeneration, which causes vision loss.

**Milk and Cheese** Milk is one of the best sources of Vitamin D, as well as calcium. A lesser amount of Vitamin D can also be found in cheese. Dairy products will help you get your fix of both of these essential nutrients. If you're lactose-intolerant, check out different

types of soy milk that are fortified with Vitamin D at your local grocery store.

**Beef Liver** Low levels of Vitamin D give off warning signs in the mouth; softening of teeth and gums are symptoms of this deficiency. Beef liver is another good source of vitamin D, which will help strengthen your dental health, as well as your neuromuscular function.

**Greek Yogurt** contains many beneficial qualities that are specific to weight loss. Harvard studies have shown that people who incorporated yogurt into their low-carb diets lost more weight than those who did not. Vitamin D may work together with calcium to increase fat oxidation, helping to leave you full and burn fat.

Sun Vitamin D may help elevate mood, helping to support

neurotransmitters that your brain needs to keep you happy. If you're feeling a bit down, try going out in the sun for about 10-15 minutes every day. Sunscreens can block vitamin D formation, so try a little bare skin, but if you get burned, it's better to lather up. Our livers are able to synthesize vitamin D from UV rays in the sun, making sun exposure the most natural way of soaking in this vitamin.

**Mushrooms** Like humans, mushrooms are able to synthesize Vitamin D when exposed to UV light. Mushrooms often grow in the dark, but some varieties are treated with UV light to boost their vitamin D content. Just one cup of treated Portobello mushrooms contains around 400 IU, so try adding these mushrooms to your next meal for an all-natural mood booster. Vitamin D may also help enhance brain function, so that you can reach optimal performance levels.

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# Dust mites / bed mites are the most common cause of allergy from house dust.

Dust mites live and multiply easily in warm, humid places and are a common cause of asthma in children. A house does not need to be visibly dirty to trigger a dust mite allergy reaction. Dust mite particles are often found in pillows, mattresses, carpeting and upholstered furniture. They float into the air when you vacuum or, walk on carpet or disturb bedding and they settle once the disturbance is over. A dust mite measures only about onequarter to one-third of a millimetre. They are too small to see with your eyes alone. Under a microscope, they look like white bugs. They have eight legs, so they are not insects, but arthropods, like spiders.

There are at least 13 species of mites. They are all well adapted to the environment inside your home. They feed mainly on the tiny flakes of human skin that people shed each day. These flakes work their way deep into the inner layers of furniture, carpets, bedding and even stuffed toys. These are the places where mites thrive. An average adult person may shed up to 1.5 grams of skin in a day. This is enough to feed one million dust mites!

Dust Allergy Symptoms include sneezing, runny or stuffy nose, red, itchy or teary eyes, wheezing, coughing, tightness in the chest and shortness of breath, Itching and dust allergy triggers include: dust mites, cockroaches, mould, pollen, pet hair, fur or feathers.

No matter how clean a home is, dust mites cannot be totally eliminated. However, the number of mites can be reduced by the use of a dehumidifier or air conditioner to maintain relative humidity at about 50% or below, encase your mattress and pillows in dust-proof or allergen impermeable covers, wash all bedding and blankets once a week in hot water (at least 130 - 140°F) to kill dust mites, replace wool or feathered bedding with synthetic materials, if possible, replace wall-to-wall carpets in bedrooms with bare floors (linoleum, tile or wood) and remove fabric curtains and upholstered furniture, use a damp mop or rag to remove dust when cleaning. Never use a dry cloth since this just stirs up mite allergens.

If your doctor thinks you have a dust mite allergy, they may suggest a skin or blood test. If you have symptoms year round, you could have a dust mite allergy.

#### Health problems caused by alcohol

f you are drinking too much, you may think you're getting away with it because there might not be any physical symptoms or liver problems until very late in the day. By the time you wake up with jaundice, your liver disease is pretty late stage and you could be looking at a liver transplant as your only option. Alcohol dependency, which affects a large percentage of men and women is a specific diagnosis in which the body has become dependent on alcohol. If you stop drinking you get delirium tremens, hallucinations and potentially lifethreatening withdrawal symptoms. It is the cause of many deaths every year. Don't wait for a wake-up call, such as needing a drink in the morning to steady you, or missing work due to a hangover.

Excessive drinking affects every organ of the body. It causes liver disease, gastritis, pancreas damage, increases blood pressure and puts you at risk of a heart attack and stroke; it can make you more likely to get oral and stomach cancers and certain neurological diseases.

On top of that, alcohol irritates the gut wall, causing inflammation, meaning that you don't absorb nutrients from food so efficiently and in particular, it interferes with the uptake of



folate, which helps to produce new cells, so if you drink a lot it's important to eat a diet rich in folate. Heavy drinkers are likely to be deficient in a lot of the B vitamins making them feel lethargic and lacking energy.

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#### TOP 4 HABITS CAUSING YOU BACK ISSUES By Dr Jorge Chavez



There are many possible causes of back pain, which means there are also many non-invasive solutions, according to Dr Jorge Chavez, a local chiropractor. "Back pain is rarely one catastrophic event," he says, "but several situations combining to create pain." And it turns out that some seemingly insignificant everyday habits can take a big toll on your back over time.

Here, the top 4 mistakes that may be causing your aches—and how to correct them for good:

#### 1.You're a crunch addict.

Sit-ups and crunches may actually cause more back pain than they prevent. We hear all the time how a strong core protects your back, which is true. But crunches don't work the ab muscles that stabilize your back. In fact, they can contribute to pain by causing what we call "core" imbalance, "a condition of excessive compression, which results in the spine curving forward in a C-like shape."

Fix it: You don't have to ditch crunches entirely, but you should do them slowly and use proper form. Include them as part of a broader core workout that also strengthens your transverse abdominus. This muscle is particularly important for a strong, steady core that supports your back, and the best way to strengthen it is with (non-crunch!) planks and bridges. Added bonus: you'll whittle your middle and beat hard-to-torch belly fat while improving posture and relieving back pain.

#### 2.Your mattress is really old.

Can't remember the last time you replaced it? Your back may be in trouble. A good mattress lasts 9 to 10 years, according to the National Sleep Foundation, but consider replacing yours every 5 to 7 years if you don't sleep well or your back throbs. A study at Oklahoma State University found that most people who switched to new bedding after 5 years slept significantly better and had less back pain.

Fix it: When you do replace your mattress, take a Goldilocks approach: Pick one that's not too squishy or too hard. Very firm mattresses can increase pressure on the spine and worsen pain, say Spanish researchers. A study of 313 people revealed that those who caught Zzzs on medium-firm mattresses were more likely to report pain improvement than those on firmer ones. To help ease night time discomfort even more, tuck a pillow under your knees if you sleep on your back, or between your knees if you're a side sleeper. 2 Your entire life is in your purce

#### 3.Your entire life is in your purse.

A stuffed-to-the-gills handbag may cause back damage that's comparable to a sports injury. When you tote a heavy bag, your shoulders become imbalanced. Your body elevates the shoulder carrying the bag, which throws your spine off-kilter. Doing this every day can cause back muscles to ache over time.

Fix it: First, carry the lightest bag possible. The American Chiropractic Association recommends that your bag–when fully loaded–weigh no more than 10% of your body weight. Alternate which shoulder you carry the bag on from day to day, and consider splitting your stuff between two bags (one for each arm), which will pain proof your load by distributing it more evenly.

#### 4. You love high heels.

Or thongs (Flip-flops). Both lead to foot instability, which can in turn affect your back. High heels force you to arch your back, making your spinal muscles work harder. Backless shoes like sandals cause your feet to move from side to side, which distributes your body weight unevenly and can cause pain.

Fix it: You don't have to forgo trendy footwear—just don't walk long distances in them. Commute in comfy flats or supportive sneakers, and consider adding cushioning inserts to uncomfy shoes. When Lehigh University researchers gave back-pain sufferers lightweight, flexible shoes with simple cushions, 80% reported significant relief within a year.

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# **Chasing the perfect smile**

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Having seen thousands of patients with different needs and aspirations for their smile and having witnessed over the past decade or so an explosion in advanced technological applications to dentistry, I can now say that we are truly blessed to be living in A visible missing tooth could be devastating, this era and I am sure what is to come is even more exciting and possibly mind blowing.

I wrote this article with one objective in mind. how to summarise all the new treatment options and how they apply to different people and be as cost effective as possible, all in the name of Chasing The Perfect Smile.

• Let's start with children, these days we have fillings and sealants that can be applied in a couple of minutes and they release fluoride constantly to the tooth structure even years after placing them therefore even the most high risk kids can these days have healthy teeth and reduce the possibility of decay. In this age group it is also important to correct jaw growth problems using a few simple appliances as it is much easier to be corrected now than left to get worse which will require years of orthodontic treatments or even worse orthognathic surgery

· While the teens carry many challenges to the teenagers and parents, this period of life is one of the most important periods for oral and dental health, if your child has bad or crooked teeth and does not have them corrected early they will be condemned to a life time of dental breakdown and non stop visits to the dentist to fix those problems, not to mention the associated costs. These days we have braces that are custom made, computer designed, robot milled and specifically generated for every single tooth for that particular patient, this makes orthodontic treatments much quicker, achieving better results and are way more comfortable than the old style braces.



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· Adulthood is the time to maintain good and healthy teeth and gums. Research shows that a well balanced, white and healthy smile means high self confidence, better careers and happier relationships.

Research also shows that gum disease is a major contributor to poor general health, diseases in major organs and heart problems !

it is noticed that once people lose a tooth or break a tooth they get discouraged from looking after the rest of their teeth which can start a chain reaction! These days there are many options to achieve that beautiful smile and restore the self confidence and life satisfaction, here are few of those options:

1. Dental implants: They are great options





2. Porcelain Bridges: An alternative for people who are not suitable for implants, this will not only replace the missing tooth, but it will protect the adjacent teeth and improve the shape and colour, all within 2-3

3. All teeth on 4 implants: this is a revolu-



tionary technique where we replace all the teeth (completely) with just 4 implants per arch and you can get the final permanent teeth within 2-3 days. (Price \$9000 - \$29,000 per jaw)



4. Invisalign: the completely invisible way



to straight teeth (in case you didn't have a chance to do it while teenager !) (Price \$3000-8000)

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6. Lingual Braces: braces placed behind



the teeth, yet another option to achieve beautiful and straight teeth. (It is a bit more expensive than conventional braces)

7. Snap on smile: this is an alternative



to dentures, implants and veneers. It is of very low cost, it is a removable option that literally changes your whole look by just snapping it in place. It is suitable for people who have stained or discoloured teeth, missing teeth, crooked teeth, broken or uneven teeth, teeth with multiple fillings or anyone who wants a nicer smile. (Price \$2300 per arch)

8. Porcelain Veneers this was only



affordable for the rich and TV personalities, but these days they are very affordable to everyone and it seems to be the thing that most adults ask for and truly appreciate as it gives an instant transformation and permanent perfect straight white smile and a huge boost to personal and work relationships. This is suitable for people who have stained or discoloured teeth, crooked teeth, broken or uneven teeth, teeth with multiple fillings or anyone who wants a nicer smile. Veneers are thin shells that are bonded permanently to the outside surface of teeth to give us that amazing smile. (price \$800-1400 per veneer)

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## **Signs of Depression and Suicidal Thoughts in Teens**

irector of Public Education and national trainer for Mental Health First Aid, Bryan Gibb, shares helpful warning signs and symptoms you should pay attention to in your teens.

If you're unsure if an adolescent in your life is depressed or just being a teenager, consider how long the symptoms have been present, how severe they are, and how different the teen is acting from his or her usual self. While some "growing pains" are to be expected as teenagers grapple with the challenges of growing up, dramatic, long-lasting changes in personality, mood, or behaviour are red flags of a deeper problem.



**Signs include**: Sadness or hopelessness, Irritability, anger, or hostility, Tearfulness or frequent crying, Withdrawal from friends and family, Loss of interest in activities, Changes in eating and sleeping habits, Restlessness and agitation, Feelings of worthlessness and guilt, Lack of enthusiasm and motivation, Fatique or lack of energy, Difficulty concentrating, Thoughts of death or suicide.

*Effects of Teen Depression include: Problems at school.* Depression can cause low energy and concentration difficulties. At school, this may lead to poor attendance, a drop in grades, or frustration with schoolwork in a formerly good student.

**Running away.** Many depressed teens run away from home or talk about running away. Such attempts are usually a cry for help.

Drug and alcohol abuse. Teens may use alcohol or drugs in an attempt to "self-



medicate" their depression. Unfortunately, substance abuse only makes things worse. *Low self-esteem.* Depression can trigger and intensify feelings of ugliness, shame, failure, and unworthiness.

**Internet addiction.** Teens may go online to escape their problems, but excessive computer use only increases their isolation, making them more depressed.

**Reckless behaviour.** Depressed teens may engage in dangerous or high-risk behaviours, such as reckless driving, outof-control drinking, and unsafe sex.

**Violence.** Some depressed teens – usually boys who are the victims of bullying – become violent.

#### **Suicide Warning Signs in Teenagers**

Talking or joking about committing suicide

 Saying things like, "I'd be better off dead,"
 "I wish I could disappear forever," or "There's no way out."

• Speaking positively about death or romanticizing dying ("If I died, people might love me more")

- Writing stories and poems about death, dying, or suicide
- Engaging in reckless behaviour or having
- a lot of accidents resulting in injury
- Giving away prized possessions
- Saying goodbye to friends and family as if for the last time

• Seeking out weapons, pills, or other ways to kill themselves

We all have good days and bad days. Then there are those days when something isn't quite right, you've got something on your mind, or things just seem too much. Whatever it may be, sharing the load with someone else can really help. So no matter who you are, or how you're feeling, you can talk it through with us – we'll point you in the right direction so you can seek further support.

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## **New Puppy?** Lessons to teach your children

here are a few simple lessons you need to teach your children about interacting with your puppy.

Don't pat your puppy on his head, he prefers a chest or ear scratch. Don't pull your puppy's ears or tail or poke his eyes or nose. Don't approach your puppy from the back, he could easily get a fright and growl or snap. Don't disturb your puppy when he is eating or sleeping. Don't corner your puppy or block his flight path. Don't scream loudly and run away – your puppy will see this as an invitation to chase and start

nipping. Leave your puppy alone when it moves away or starts growling.

Don't give your puppy orders. Puppies and young children can both be wild and show unpredictable



behaviour. Young kids under the age of 7 and puppies should not be left unsupervised and be closely monitored.

It is normal for puppies to nip, as they explore the world with their mouths. Through biting they also entice their littermates into playing.

If they bite too hard during play their mate will

let out a yelp and walk away. This is how puppies learn to inhibit their nipping and biting - go too hard and the game stops. Tear

inhibit their nipping and biting - go too hard and the game stops. Teach your puppy that the same rules apply to you - when they bite you too hard, the game stops. Be consistent with how you react. If you sometimes allow biting, and sometime's don't, your puppy won't learn. Don't tease your puppy with your hands and fingers or use them as toys - get your puppy real toys to play with instead. Finish the game when you can feel your puppy's teeth on your skin.

Remember, bite inhibition must be taught - it is not just a phase puppies will grow out of.



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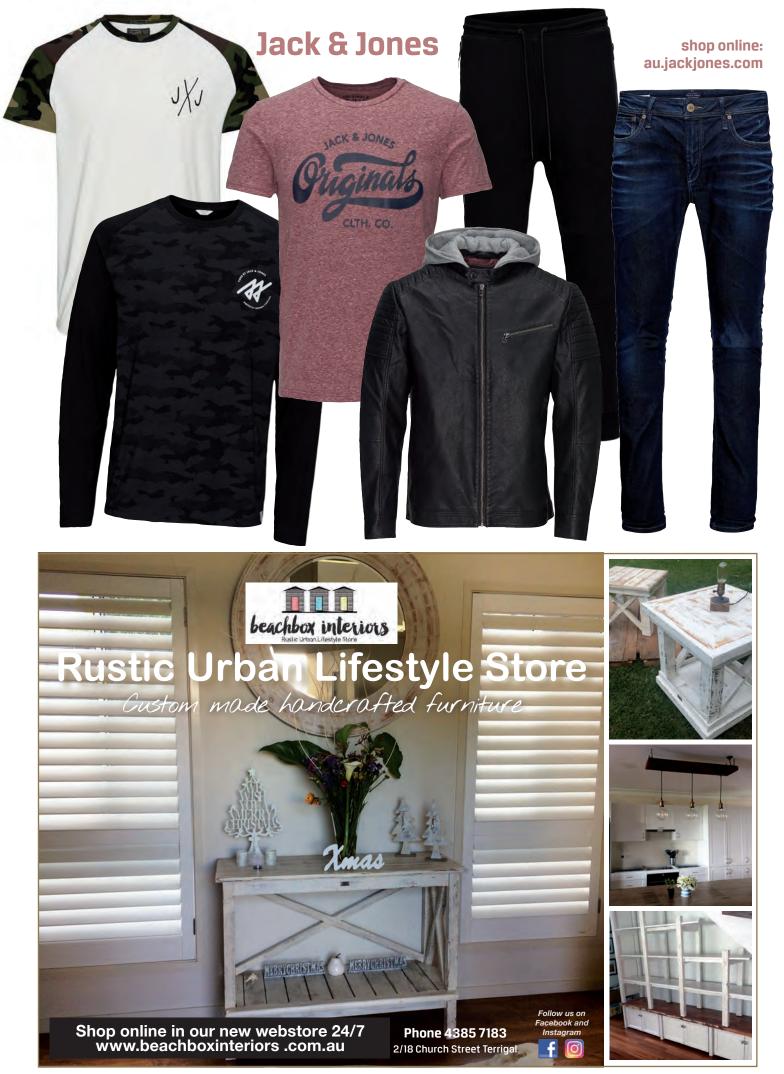
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#### Top Five tips to make feeding toddlers easier

rom when babies first start eating solids, the tantrums and tears begin, as does the mess. Fussy eaters often refuse foods by throwing them away, putting more food on the floor than in their mouths. Teaching toddlers to feed themselves is a necessary and rewarding experience but comes with many challenges along the way. Ryan O'Neill, founder of innovative baby brand GizmoTots shares five tips to make the process easier.

#### 1. Start small:

When babies first start to feed themselves it's advisable to start with only a few pieces of food at a time. Putting a bite-sized piece of soft fruit or cooked vegetable in front of a baby or in their fingers when they are ready to eat helps the child stay on task. Give each piece of food to the toddler one at a time.

#### 2. Sit at the table:

When possible, always ensure the toddler is sitting at their highchair or the table. Sitting upright is important to prevent choking but it also helps to feed the child in the same place so they can learn the association between food and eating. Focusing on the task at hand without distractions helps the process too.

#### 3. Patience!

It takes time for toddlers to learn themselves and it can be extremely frustrating when it doesn't go to plan or when they even take a step backwards. Mess is unfortunately a part of the process but it can be reduced by using

a silicone plate that sticks to the table or high chair so toddlers at least can't throw or knock over their whole plate.

#### 4. Demonstrate:

Children learn so much from observing. While toddlers are learning to eat it's especially important to sit down for meals when possible and focus on eating together, even if it means the adults eat with their fingers to demonstrate the process. Minimise TV and technological devices while eating so there are less distractions and this gives kids the opportunity to watch how everyone else eats.

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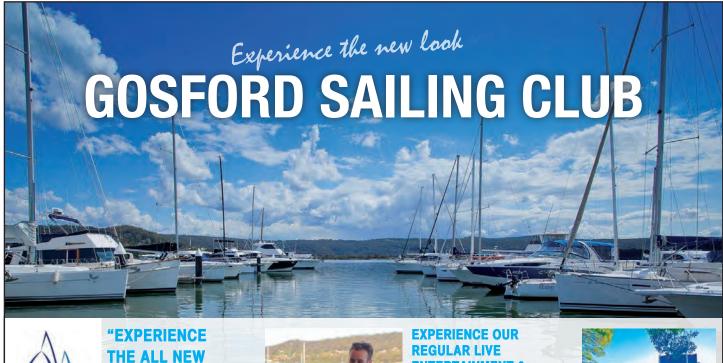
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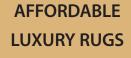
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# **Grand Booker Bay Waterfront Property!**

## **DEEPWATER WITH JETTY & BOATSHED!**

166 Booker Bay Road, Booker Bay NSW 2257 Price: EOI Bed 5 | Bath 3 | Car 4 | Land Area 689.2sqm

This sprawling master built home is located in Booker Bay's most sought after location with direct deep-water frontage. You can literally walk out the front & 'throw a line in' from your private beach and jetty or jump onto the boat and explore Brisbane Waters and beyond.

Comprising 5 bedrooms plus study, 3 bathrooms, enormous living rooms with stacker doors ensuring the views and indooroutdoor appeal is unimpeded, spacious upper balcony, all weather entertaining deck, jetty, slipway and boat storage, plus 4 car garage... the features on this property are staggering!

This home is massive with light-filled open plan areas, plenty of storage and stunning views from both levels. Every room is oversized and provides great storage options. The main bedroom is huge and features walk in robe, ensuite and amazing views of Brisbane Water. The aspiring chef of the house is not forgotten with a kitchen every entertainer dreams of. It features quality appliances; built in deep fryer, stone grill and stone bench tops providing plenty of space.

The home offers multiple living zones, including a large open space that would house a full size snooker table, family room, lounge room and additional spacious living quarters with uninterrupted water views. The living zones continue outside with 2 covered entertaining decks - the perfect place to escape, relax and enjoy your own private slice of paradise.

Boats and cars are well catered for in this amazing home. Lock up garaging for 4 large cars plus a jetty with berth for the boat and boatshed with slip that allows you to store a boat under the home.

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